enterprises; additional target for States fulfiling allotted target, and that Banks may be associated with the process of scrutiny and screening of the applications.

(c) Action has already been initiated.

Consumer-based Non-conventional Energy Programmes

1804. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any consumer-based non-conventional energy programmes which are popular and used by individuals consumers;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes;

(c) whether voluntary organisations working in the interest of consumer education are directly involved in implementing the programme; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions and the criteria adopted for giving financial assistance to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is implementing a wide range of consumer based non-conventional energy programmes such as Biogas, improved chulha, Solar Photovoltaics, Biomass gasifications, Solar Cooker and Solar domestic Water Heating Systems through State Nodal Agencies, NGOs etc. in the country. Under these programmes family size biogas plants, improved chulhas, solar lanterns, domestic and street lighting systems, village level power plants, solar cooker and domestic water heating systems are provided/installed/promoted to meet the energy needs of the individual consumer/family/village. These programmes are quite popular among the users.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The voluntary organisations are also involved in consumer education, awareness creation and implementation of the consumer based non-conventional energy programmes. Financial assistance is provided to them on the basis of their expertise, experience, available infrastructure and past performance on terms and conditions laid down under various programmes.

Pesticides Causing Foetal Disorders

1805. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pesticides are causing serious foetal disorders in women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing laws on pesticides are vigorously implemented all over the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Work-load in Ordnance Parachute Factory

1806. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ordnance Parachute Factory has been reducing its work load for item manufacturing to enable private sector to take up these jobs;

(b) whether, as a result thereof, the rate of products and utilisation of installed capacity has been lowering down day by day;

(c) whether Government would take steps to run this factory in its full capacity; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The dip in production in Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur in the last two years was due to design changes in many of its products and „paucity» of some raw materials. Free flow of production of the new products has since been established.

(c) and (d) As compared to the production worth Rs. 43.4 crores in 1994-95, a production target of Rs 57 crores has been set for 1995-96.

Companies with Foreign Equity Ownership

1807. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in the country with foreign equity ownership; and

(b) the names of companies having more than 40% shares owned by foreigners as on 31st March, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Companies Act, 1956 does not distinguish between the local equity ownership and foreign equity. As such, statistics regarding number of companies with foreign equity ownership is not separately maintained.

(b) 1309 nos. of companies have been granted approval for foreign equity participation of more than 40% during post policy period from 1-8-91 to 31-3-95. The details of these proposals approved viz., name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator and the country to which it belongs, item of manufacture are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Achievements of CSIR in Rural Development

1808. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the remarkable achievements of CSIR in the field of rural development during the last three years;

(b) the aspects of rural development on which more heed has been paid so far in view of these achievements/researchers; and

(c) the achievement of CSIR in mobilising basic facilities in rural areas and improving the living standard of rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDY): (a) Significant achievements of CSIR in the filed of Rural Development during the last 3 years i.e. 1992—95 are appended as per Statement (*See* below).

(b) For greater diffusion of CSIR developed Rural Technologies, emphasis has been laid on training and demonstration programmes. CSIR has actively participated in a number of Exhibition/Agro-fairs, thereby covering important areas as under:—

(i) Low-cost building materials and construction technologies.

(ii) Cultivation and processing of medicinal and aromatic plants.

(iii) Food and agro-based technologies.

(iv) Drinking water.